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THE REPLY FILED 15 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may <u>only</u> be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

<u>PERIOD FOR REPLY</u> [check either a) or b)]

a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

    (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

    (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);

    (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

    (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
        NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. ☒ The a)☐ affidavit, b)☐ exhibit, or c)☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: *See Continuation Sheet.*

6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a)☐ will not be entered or b)☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

    The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

    Claim(s) allowed: *None.*

    Claim(s) objected to: *None.*

    Claim(s) rejected: *1-57.*

    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a)☐ approved or b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. ☐ Other: _____

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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Sowar teaches "z extents are needed to determine start and stop positions for slicing and control", col. 11, lines 23-27. These features considered corresponding to the step of terminating the swept profile when the tool body interacts with a plurality of blank bodies to a predefined extent which disclosed by the claim invention, because Sowar teaches that "this is done by projecting the constraint profile through the z extent of the delta volume" (col. 11, lines 44-60); z extent for a delta volume are maintained and supplied by the underlying solid modeling system (col. 11, lines 19-27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the Sowar's teaching for using z-extent to stop or terminate the constraint profile by standard interactive techniques, because it would provide a method for automatically generating finishing tool paths for all or portions of delta volumes in a CAD/CAM environment (col. 6, lines 40-42). Sowar et al. also teaches generating a planar profile of curves (generating a slicing plane which is intersected with the solid modeling faces to determine the curves representing regions that the tool may enter; col. 3, lines 24-26 or organizing the curve into profiles, col. 13, lines 9-10; figs. 11A and 11B); sweeping the profile along a specified path (tool path) to generate a tool body (a tool volume is an exact solid model that represents the total volume of space swept out by cutting tool during complete traversal of the NC tool path; col. 14, lines 9-12).